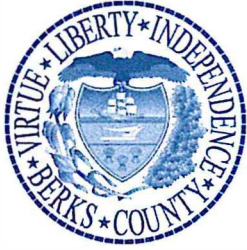


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Dear Mr. Villasana,

I am writing to you to thank you and your specialists on behalf of a minor child in the care of Berks County Children and Youth Services. This child identified that they have both maternal and paternal family members residing in Mexico and our agency is required by law to locate and notify adult relatives when a child enters care. As you are aware, it is difficult to search for relatives who reside outside of the United States and its territories.

Regrettably, we were not able to gather enough information that would have provided for a successful Level I Family Finding search, however thanks to the recommendation of one of your specialists a Level II Family Finding was initiated. The Level II Family Finding led to the successful contact with a relative of the 4th degree and information on a paternal relative possibly residing in the States. Unfortunately, the identified relative expressed to your specialist that they could not commit to being a permanent resource for the child. However, to meet the law, we still sent this relative a letter and are hopeful that they may be open to establishing contact with our identified child.

Although we were unsuccessful in identifying a permanent resource for this child, we would not have been able to identify this relative if it were not for the work of you and your specialists. Thank you for all your efforts for this child and the many children throughout the country that you do this exhaustive work for. I will continue to keep Forever Homes for Foster Kids in mind as I work with children in our care who are in need of locating relatives residing in Mexico.

Sincerely,

Stacey McCann, BSW
Family Finding Coordinator

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